(c) whether Government will take necessary steps for the conservation and development of these historic monument/Shrine/Sattra; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) A detailed Project proposal for conservation and development of 135 number of Sattra was received from the Government of Assam. It has been mentioned in the proposal that 135 Sattra Institutions of Assam have been identified in the 1st Phase of the Scheme for their development at an estimated cost of Rs. 96,59,00,000/-. The project proposal submitted by the Government of Assam has been forwarded to Planning Commission for its consideration. The Ministry of Culture has suggested constitution of an Expert Group consisting of eminent members from various fields such as Archaeology, Anthropology, Performing Art, etc. for the purpose.

Protection of historical monuments

2358. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Centrally protected historical monuments and sites under ASI across the country have disappeared without leaving any trace;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government/ASI is not giving adequate attention towards the protection of historical monuments/sites;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the strategies to be adopted to preserve such historical monuments during the year 2008-09?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Out of 3667 monuments/sites of national importance under the control of ASI, thirty-five protected monuments/sites across the country are found to be untraceable during the course of survey of monuments/sites. The main causes are due to a variety of factors like rapid urbanization, construction of multistoreyed residential and commerical buildings, implementation of development projects, etc. The details are given at the Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) Archaeological Survey of India is giving adequate attention towards the protection of the centrally protected monuments/sites. The watch and ward of the monuments/sites have been strengthened by deploying private security guards, State Police personnel in addition to regular staff and CISF personnel at selected and important monuments. Efforts have been made to provide fencing of all the centrally protected monuments/sites, wherever necessary and feasible. In addition to the this provisions contained in the Ancient Monuments & Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, Rules, 1959 and notification No. 1764 dated 16.06.1992, the Archaeological Survey of India's Circle heads have been vested with the powers of Estate Officer to proceed against offenders under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971. ASI has also initiated the preparation of a complete and detailed data-base of the monuments/sites of national importance.

Statement

State-wise list of Centrally protected monuments/sites which are not traceable

Name of Monument/Site
ASSAM
1- Guns of Emperor Sher Shah at Na-sadia, Distt. Tinsukia
ARUNACHAL PRADESH
1- Ruins of Copper Temple near Paya, Distt. Lohit
DELHI (U.T.)
1. The Moti Gate of Sher Shah's Delhi, Mauza Babarpur Bazidpur, Distt. New Delhi
2- Pool Chadar, Mauza Chaukri Murakabad, Distt. North Delhi
3- Alipur Cemetery, Alipur encamping ground, Distt. North Delhi
4- Bara Khamba Cemetery, Imperial city, Distt. Delhi
5- Tomb of Capt. Mc. Barnett & Others who falls an attack on Kishanganj, Distt. North Delhi
6- Tomb with three domes near railway station, Nizamuddin, Distt. South Delhi
7- Site of Siege Battery bearing the inscription—"Right Attack, Lieutenant F.R. Mansell, R.E., Directoring Engineer, No.1 Battery-Right, Major James Brind, R.A, Commanding, Armament five 18-pounders: 18-inch howitzer. To silence Mori Bastion.", East of the hospital in police line, Distt. North Delhi
8- Site of the Siege battery with following inscription:- "No. II Battery-Right, Major Edward Kaye, R.A. Commanding Armament two 18-pounders; seven 8-inch howitzers, To break Kashmir bastion.", Compound of Curzon House, Distt. North Delhi
9- Inchla Wali Gumti, village Mubarak Pur Kotla, Distt. South Delhi
10- Mound known as Joga Bai comprised in part of Survey plot No. 167 as Jamia Nagar, Distt. South Delhi
11- Shamsi Tallab together with both the platform entrance gates, Mehrauli, Distt. Delhi
12- Nicholson Statue, its platform, its surrounding gardens, paths and enclosure wall, Out side of Kashmiri Gate, Distt. North Delhi
GUJARAT
1. Ancient Site, Sejakpur, Distt. Surendranagar
2. Historic Site No. 431 to 435, Vadodara, Distt. Vadodara
HARYANA
1. Mughal Kos Minar, Mujjesar, Distt. Faridabad, Haryana
2. Mughal Kos Minar, Shahbad, Distt. Kurukshetra, Haryana

JAMMU AND KASHMIR

1. Rock carving of Sitala, Narada, Brahma and Radha Krishna, Basohli, Dist. Kathura
2. Rock Carving of Devi riding a lion, Basohli, Distt. Kathura
3. Visveswara and other cave temple, Basohli, Distt. Kathura

KARNATAKA

1. Pre-historic Site, Kittur, Distt. Mysore

RAJASTHAN

1- Inscription in Fort, Nagar, Distt. Tonk
2- 12th Cent. Temple, Baran, Distt. Baran

UTTARAKHAND

1- Kutumbari Temple Dwarahat, Tehsil Ranikhet, Distt. Almora
2- Khera Ki Bandi, Old Cemetery, Tehsil Roorkee, Distt. Haridwar
3- Remains of ancient buildings locally identified with Vairatapattana, Dhikuli, Tehsil Ramnagar, Distt. Nainital

UTTAR PRADESH

1- Closed Cemetery, Katra Naka, Tehsil Banda, Distt. Banda
2- Large ruined site called Sandi Khera, Pali, Tehsil Shahabad, Distt. Hardoi
3- Cemetery, Jalaun (Bus Stand), Tehsil Jalaun, Distt. Jalaun
4- Gunner Burkill's Tomb, Rangaon, Tehsil Mehroni, Distt. Lalitpur
5- Imambara Amin-ud Daula, Lucknow, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow
6- Three Tombs, Lucknows Faizabad Road at miles 3,4 & 5, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow
7- Cemeteries at miles 6 & 7, Jahraila Road, Tehsil Lucknow Distt. Lucknow
8- Cemetery at Gaughat, Lucknow, Tehsil Lucknow, Distt. Lucknow

Inclusion of Kuka Movement in commemorating 150 years of Independence

2359. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that her Ministry has decided to include Kuka Movement in the list of events to be taken up during the commemoration of 150th years of First War of Independence;

(b) if so, whether this has been done already or still to be celebrated and mention the dates; and

(c) whether there is also any proposal to honour the Namdhari martyrs who were blown by cannons at Malerkotla on 17 January, 1872?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) An even connected with Kuka Movement has been included in the suggested list of anniversaries to